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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Ralf Reiner Schumann and Norbert Lamping

Ser. No. 09/484,121

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For THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEPTICAEMIA, ITS  
PREPARATION AND USE

Attorney's Docket 0107-020P

Asst. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to taking up this case for action, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

In the disclosure

Please enter the enclosed substitute disclosure and the following abstract.

In the claims

Replace claims 1-11 with the following new claims:

1 --12. An agent for the treatment of septicemia containing as the active compo-  
2 nent protein binding lipopolysaccharide (LBP), its variants, mutants or hybrid  
3 proteins.--

1 --13. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises human LBP.--

1 --14. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises murine LBP.--

1 --15. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises at least one of rabbit  
2 or rat LBP.--

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